

## STATE of MINNESOTA

## Proclamation

WHEREAS: The Children's Tumor Foundation is observing May 17, 2018, as World Neurofibromatosis (NF) Awareness

Day to educate the public about this rare genetic disorder; and

WHEREAS: Neurofibromatosis remains relatively unknown even though more than 2 million people around the world are

living with the condition and approximately 1 in every 3,000 newborns is diagnosed with it; and

WHEREAS: Neurofibromatosis causes tumors to grow on nerves throughout the body and can affect development of the

brain, cardiovascular system, bones, and skin; and

WHEREAS: The disorder can lead to blindness, deafness, bone abnormalities, disfigurement, learning disabilities, disabling

pain, and cancer; and

WHEREAS: The Children's Tumor Foundation leads efforts to promote and financially sponsor world-class medical

research aimed at finding effective treatments and, ultimately, a cure for Neurofibromatosis; and

WHEREAS: The Children's Tumor Foundation is actively fostering collaborative partnerships in both science and industry

to speed the drug research and development process; and

WHEREAS: The Children's Tumor Foundation works to improve access to quality patient health care through its national

NF Clinic Network; and

WHEREAS: The Children's Tumor Foundation provides patient and family support through its information resources,

youth programs, and local chapter activities; and

WHEREAS: The Children's Tumor Foundation is proudly celebrating 40 years of driving research, expanding knowledge,

and advancing care for the NF community; and

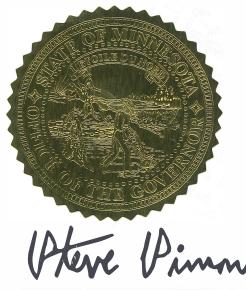
WHEREAS: Much remains to be done to raise public awareness of Neurofibromatosis to help promote early diagnosis,

proper management and treatment, prevention of complications, and support for research.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2018, as:

## NEUROFIBROMATOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this  $24^{\rm th}$  day of April.

GOVERNOR